

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I believe the assault on public regulation of the media by large corporations is unconscionable and will lead to complete control of the media in the hands of the powerful elite. After this tragic transformation has been completed the American media landscape will more closely resemble that of the communist governments of the cold war than the bastion of democracy that our media once was. The Bush Administration's wholehearted support of this process will come back to haunt them--once people realize that the sorry state of the media was made possible by politicians they helped elect, they will not continue to vote for those politicians. I, for one, will never vote for any politician who supports media deregulation.